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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-

English language:

1. WO 01/21706 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
2. German Patent No. DE 40 09 101 A1
3. WO 02/08331 A2 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
4. European Patent Application No. EP 1 106 648 A1
5. European Patent Application No. EP 0 774 487 A1

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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